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DECLARATION OF ASHLEY L. RHOADES

Ashley L. Rhoades hereby declares and states:

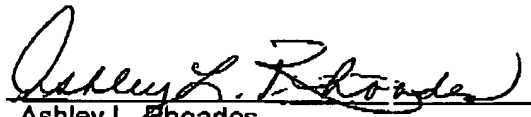
1. I am the administrative assistant for Eric J. Sosenko, Reg. No. 34,440, and have worked in that same capacity since October 2000.

2. As indicated by my signature on the Certificate of Mailing provided on the Second Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment ("Second Petition"), I deposited the Second Petition with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage addressed to Box DAC, Assistant Commissioner for Patent, Washington, D.C. 20231 on March 12, 2003.

3. All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of the above-identified application, and any patent issuing thereon or any patent to which this declaration is directed.

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